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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of: Takenori IDEHARA
 For: INPUT-OUTPUT APPARATUS SELECTING
 METHOD FOR NETWORK SYSTEM

U.S. Serial No.: 09/082,127

Filed: May 20, 1998

Group Art Unit: 2724

Examiner: King Y. Poon

Assistant Director
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 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2000, which provides for a response period ending November 1, 2000.

A petition to extend the period for response to the Examiner's Action dated August 1, 2000, by three months to February 1, 2001, is being submitted herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: